

REMARKS

Claims 49-73 were pending in the instant application as of the issuance of the Office Action mailed on August 31, 2005. Claims 49-73 are subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner has required election of a single disclosed species encompassed by Formula V (SEQ ID NO:293) and those individual sequences in claims 71-73.

In compliance with the directives of the Office Action, Applicants hereby elect, for search purposes only, the following species: H-Arg-Arg-Leu-Asn-pFF-NH₂ (SEQ ID NO: 295). In this regard, it is Applicants' understanding that 35 U.S.C. §121 requires the extension of this search upon allowance of the elected species; and that upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141 et seq. Accordingly, upon allowance of the elected species, Applicants request the search be extended to the remaining species. Support for this elected species may be found at least, for example, throughout the specification as originally filed, for example, on page 35 and in the claims as originally filed, for example, claim 21. Applicants' election of the foregoing species is without prejudice to Applicants' rights to pursue non-elected subject matter in this and other applications.

SUMMARY

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' Attorney at (617) 227-7400.

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